KLEIN'S ADS, ALBA'A MAGAZINES, AND STUFF LIKE THAT 4/2/70

To: SM, HW, GRS, MEF, JNS, RB, DL.
I haven't had the time to put together a decent memo on all this, so these are just disorganized comments to supplement my memo of 1/21/70.

The 7 magazines taken from Alba's are FBI Exhibit D-15, described as "three magazines." As previously discussed, the June 1963 issue has Oswald's print on page 37, and the coupon is torn from the Klein's ad on page 59. FBI Item D-85 is two Klein's coupons, allegedly picked up in Irving on 11/23. One of the coupons matches the torn-out ad, perfectly as far as I can tell. A not very good copy is enclosed.

The cover letter to CD 578 says that "the results of investigation concerning this exhibit are recorded on Page 388" of CD 7. That page only indicates when the coupons were found (along with the rifle photos on 11/23 - strange?) and when they were given to the FBI. Apparently the FBI never connected the coupons and the ads.

As previously mentioned, there may be some such conclusion at CD 7, p. 329, which is withheld (but I doubt it). I'll keep trying to get this page. (Incidentally, the item related to the Worker on the previous page and maybe p. 329, which is presumably the reason for the withholding, may well by the letter LHO wrote which was intercepted and apparently opened after 11/22.)

The second coupon in D-85 is Klein's Dept. 222 (thus around June 1962), page 3 of some magazine (not Amer. Rifleman or Field & Stream). Klein's doesn't keep records that far back. Clue: the Eddie Bauer ad on page 4 is "Dept. S2." If you can identify this magazine easily, please do!

Completely unrelated, but similar: CD 206, p. 40 (enclosed). Questions: what magazine (should be easy to identify)? Where is this ad published or listed in the Federal Register? (It doesn't ring any bells.) Could the original grips on the revolver already have been replaced when Oswald got it?

The mysterious stranger was not identified by Alba. (CD 75, p. 263, enclosed.)

There is little of value in Alba's statement (CD 87, SS 407, attachment). No clarification of the visitor or the number of mags lying around.(Oswald did tell Alba he expected to go to work at Michoud.) The pages around 200 in CD 7 are identical to what I have from CD 75.

Some time ago I heard speculation that Oswald's gun orders may have been part of his job as a petty agent, in connection with Sen. Dodd's investigation of mail-order gun sales. Where did this come from? Any evidence for it?

Klein's did check their records for another sale to Oswald, finding none. (See CE 2957.)

This is all very weird, but I can't think of any conspiratorial scenario that would involve planting the mags at Alba's or the coupons on Oswald. Any ideas?

PLH